

**WE**  
*Believe*  
**IN PRAYER**  
**PRAISE**  
**NEWS &**  
**THE BIBLE**

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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018**

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*Believes*  
**IN NEWS**

*All that's going on  
around St Andrew's*

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# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

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## REV JOHN DICKSON

### ☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

Between 1913 and 1958, the courageous members of St Andrew's Roseville built the original church (1913), added a major extension (1920), pulled everything down and built the current church building (1935), and then constructed the current hall next door (1958). Since 1958, we have done nothing on this same footprint. Nothing for 58 years! And, yet, there are more people at St Andrew's today than ever before in our history, and the task of reaching out to new people is getting harder and harder. We must act.

Brothers and sisters, please, let's live up to the hopes and ambitions of former generations of St Andrew's church members, who somehow saw in this church "a house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7). They dreamed that we would reach people from every nationality and send out believers from here to bless the world.

Our current site is not adequate for *current* ministry, especially the current kids ministry. I'll get Cath Ahern to speak to that in the coming weeks. But let me wind back and remind us of the purpose of our proposed

property redevelopment, how our physical spaces assist our spiritual mission.

The fundamental idea of the *2020Vision* is that there is a great *disconnect* between the 700+ adults and kids of St Andrew's and the 150,000 residents in a 10 minute drive of us. This disconnect is not just the result of their sin or our lack prayer and evangelism. It is also simply the result of a lack of 'touch points' between the church and the wider community. If St Andrew's were to disappear, who in the community would notice?!

Because of this lack of 'touch points', the wider community has little idea of the joy Christ brings to life, the spirit of friendship and community that overflows in this place, the intellectual stimulation the Christian faith brings, the practical love and support that is available here at St Andrew's—let alone the knowledge of the gospel of God's grace that inspires all these blessings.

The solution is not only to pray more and communicate Christ better (both of which we must do), but to 'lower the drawbridge' and transform ourselves into "a centre of community for Roseville and beyond", so that we become a locus of Christian education, friendship, social care and action, diversity, the arts, health, fun and, above all, worship—all

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grounded in a confident, well-articulated conviction that Christ is Lord over all of life.

Picture the ministry and community going on in this place in 2022, Lord willing. Picture Toddlers Groups four mornings a week where kids play in safety and carers mingle in comfort. Picture three sessions of ESL each week, meeting in real classrooms with inbuilt technology. Picture being able to drop into church midweek with friends for a coffee and a muffin, while the kids enjoy some free-play in a dedicated area. Picture futsal and basketball competitions for youth. Picture evening seminars for adults in rooms that won't embarrass you. Picture enormous banquets for ourselves and the wider community. Picture an annual art competition and a short film festival, where we simultaneously encourage the arts and open up conversations about important matters (which the arts do so well).

These are the 'touch points' that will allow our neighbours and friends to glimpse the goodness of God in Christ which animates all of life.

Little of this is possible in the buildings faithfully given to us in the first 50 years of ministry in Roseville. After 58 years of nothing, it is surely time to do everything we can to build a new version of that "house of prayer for all nations", so that just as we have blessed

thousands of locals in our first 100 years, we will go on to bless tens of thousands in the next 100 years.

God bless,  
John

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life; give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice and also daily endeavour to follow in the blessed steps of his most holy life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore.  
Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### ➤ Hub Kids Holiday Program

Mon 16th - Fri 20th Apr | 9am - 3pm

In the Hall

Registration for Kindy - Year 6 kids still open for some days.

Cost: \$50/day per child or \$200 for all 5 days.

Register at [www.hubholidayprogram.org](http://www.hubholidayprogram.org)



## FOR THE DIARY

*Dates for your diary - more details to come*

- Sat 12th May | Women's High Tea
- Fri 15th Jun | 'Vinyl & Vine' Men's Event  
*NB: this is the new date for this event*
- 21-23 Sep | St Andrew's Weekend Away  
*Save the date!*

## PLEASE PRAY

### ➤ Churchwide

Pray for mums with young children as they re-enter the workforce. Pray for all the arrangements and decisions that go into part-time work and that God will use these women to bless their homes and workplaces.

Pray for the members of our church who experience chronic pain which seems unlikely to improve. Pray for these 'silent sufferers'; that God will graciously heal them, give them patience and resilience in the midst their challenges, and that through it all, they will know God's comfort in a very real way.

### ➤ 5pm

Please pray for Jane Butler as she undergoes major surgery. Pray that God gives her every strength to recover well and for her overall health.

Praise God that Anthony Ross is recovering well at home after major heart surgery recently, and that he has been able to see God's hand of provision and protection throughout the whole process.

Pray for Anne Morton, now at home, as she recovers from septic arthritis. Pray for a speedy recovery and no complications.

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## ➤ Youth

Give thanks to God for a great time away at KYCK. Pray that relationships that were deepened at KYCK will continue to strengthen in the coming weeks.

## ➤ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for the HUB Holiday Program being held this week here and at St Peter's East Lindfield. Pray for a great week of fun and that many will be drawn to Jesus through this event. Pray for safety for all involved, that all staff and volunteers will be energised for all the activities, and that they will show God's love to all the kids and adults coming along to HUB.

Pray for our Small Group leaders as they nurture, encourage, and pastor the members of their groups. Pray that God will continually equip them with his Holy Spirit and with his wisdom for their roles.

## ➤ Other

Pray for Roseville Public School Principal Sean Moran, Roseville College Principal Deb Magill and all at St Andrew's who work in schools locally and beyond. Pray for a restful and re-energising holiday break for all staff, students and families.

## MISSION & AID

### BIBLE SOCIETY

#### ➤ Australia

Bible Society Australia is committed to giving access to the Bible across the world. They also advocate for and engage Australians here at home and people around the world with the Bible.

Pray for Bible Society Australia as they undertake a range of activities including translating the Bible into the world's languages, providing Bibles to those who want one and helping others understand the Bible.

Pray for the Bible Society's initiatives at the Commonwealth Games; that all those who were given the gospel of Luke (20,000 copies were printed to be distributed) will come to know God through his Word.

Pray for the Bible Society's Executive Team as they work to develop a new five-year strategic plan; for wisdom and clear thinking amongst much busyness.

Pray for travelling mercies for the fundraising team as they travel throughout Australia to aid the Bible Society's mission to get Bibles to those who need one.

*All the good things  
that the Bible teaches us*

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# SERMON NOTES

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*Words you'll need for  
today's contemporary services*

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways  
    like lost sheep,  
We have left undone  
    what we ought to have done,  
and we have done  
    what we ought not to have done.  
We have followed our own ways  
    and the desires of our own hearts.  
We have broken your holy laws.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who turn to you,  
according to your promises  
    declared to us in Jesus Christ  
    our Lord.  
And grant, merciful Father,  
    for his sake,  
that we may live a godly  
    and obedient life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
    on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
    as we forgive those  
    who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

There may be an opportunity for Q&A after  
the sermon. Questions will be taken from the  
floor, or can be texted to 0416 874 993.

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# FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

## 🕒 Supporting the General Ministry

Supporting the general work of St Andrew's:

**St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville**  
BSB 032 086 | A/C 387 248

*This is our preferred method  
to receive your regular support.*

Alternatively cash/cheque contributions can be made  
via the offertory collection during the services.

The current year budget includes an allocation of  
10% of general offertory to Mission & Aid.

## 🕒 Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew's Property Redevelopment,  
**tax-deductible** contributions can be made via:

**St Andrew's Anglican Church**  
**Roseville Donation Fund**  
BSB 032 102 | A/C 141 628

Please include your surname and the initials "PV"  
(for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to  
St Andrew's Roseville Donation Fund.

If you would like to support the Property  
Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction,  
please contact our Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

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